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1. Soviet Deep-sea Research. According to the printed program supplement, the papers read by L. A. Zenkevitch at the Congress dealt with deep-sea fauna and I did not obtain copies or abstracts. The US oceanographers who attended the Congress were more interested in Zenkevitch's work and may have obtained further information. (Source A)
  2. Pavlovskiy's Hearing Aid. At Copenhagen, Prof. E. N. Pavlovskiy wore a hearing aid similar in size and appearance to those used in the US. This was quite in contrast to the large box-like contraption which he carried about and placed on his desk in front of him at the Paris Congress in 1948. I was unable to observe any details of its construction and do not know whether it was of Soviet manufacture. (Sources C and D)
  3. Pavlovskiy's Paper. Although I also am a parasitologist, I did not attend the session at which Prof. Pavlovskiy read his paper, and have no knowledge of its contents. (Source D)
  4. References to Application of Zoological Science in Biological or Chemical Warfare. I do not remember anything at the Congress even remotely related to such subjects. (Sources A, C and D)
  5. Unscheduled Soviet Speech at Closing Session. I do not remember observing or even hearing about the reported incident involving a bemedalled Soviet delegate who reportedly strode to the platform unannounced and read a lengthy speech in Russian encouraging scientific exchange. (Sources A, B, C and D) This report may be a highly colored and somewhat garbled account of a routine appearance of the Soviets at an earlier plenary session. (Source B)

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6. Distribution Maps for Insect Pests in Western Europe. If I were looking for distribution maps for insect pests in Western Europe I would start at the British Museum which is by far the world's greatest center of entomological research. The Commonwealth Institute of Entomology, under the directorship of Wilfred John Hall, is located directly across the street at 41 Queen's Gate, London, SW7. The most impressive activity at these institutions is the Anti-Locust Research Center under the directorship of Boris P. Uvarov. Here a large group is engaged in a day-by-day and week-by-week plotting of the movement and distribution of locusts in Europe, Africa, and the Near East. Similar studies, though not on so large a scale, are also undertaken for other insect pests. (Source C)

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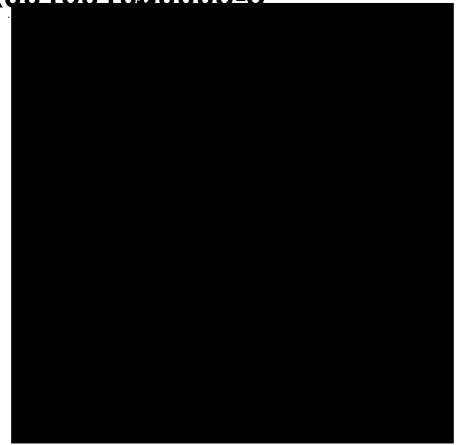
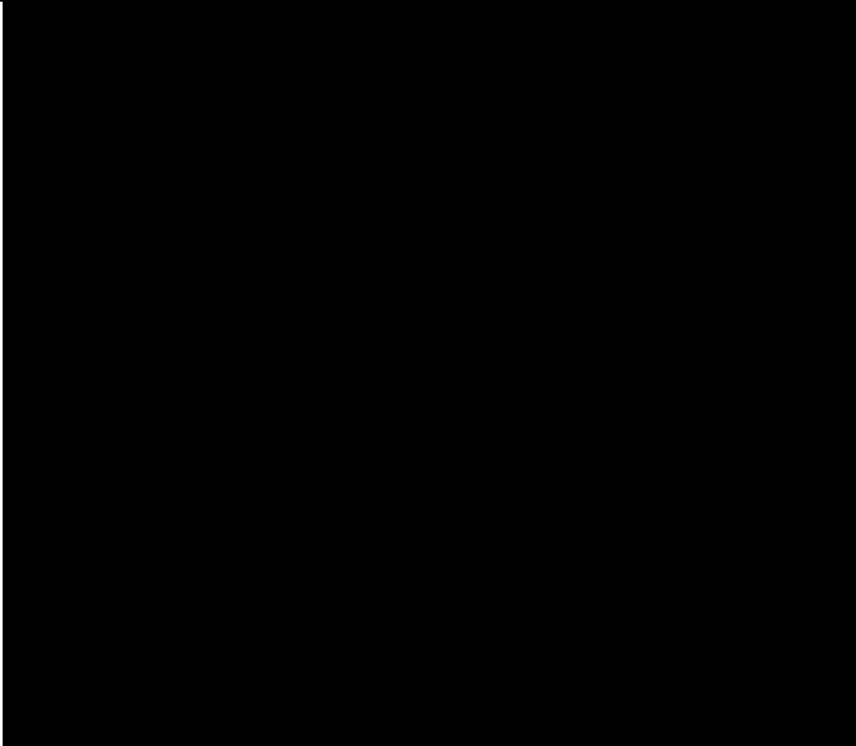
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